



## **Delaware Hispanic Commission accomplishments since its inception in 2013**

1. Establish six Subcommittee's to meet the needs of the community: Each subcommittee is chaired by a committee member and focuses on a particular area: Education, Health, Economic and Workforce Development, Housing, Transportation and Community and Social Justice.
2. Developed and implemented a bilingual six - week/three- hours (per session) statewide pilot program on "How to Do business in DE". 70 participants graduated and continue to work with our existing business partners.
3. Program is being adopted and run by First State Community Loan fund.
4. Funding for a FT program Coordinator has been acquired. Ms. Lola Campos has been hired to direct this effort within the Hispanic Community.
5. U.S. Small Business Administration now has a Spanish website for aspiring entrepreneurs.
6. Latino Open for Business in Sussex County is scheduled to begin in September 2015, in Georgetown, DE at 6pm.
7. Senate Bill 59 Delaware Driving Privilege Card passed into law and was signed by Governor Jack Markell on June 23, 2015.
8. Thru the Commissions efforts, additional bus service routes & stops were acquired in Sussex County.
9. DMV now offers the Driving Manual in Spanish.
10. Delaware Housing Authority now has a Spanish Website.
11. First Annual Latino Summit was held at DTCC with over 300 Latinos and non-Latino attending.
12. A Public Policy Agenda has been developed – attached is a summary of the full report.
13. Thanks to the support of Department of State, the Commission has its own website... [www.hispanic.delaware.gov](http://www.hispanic.delaware.gov).
14. Acquired two AmeriCorps Vista's to assist with outreach and delivery of services to the fastest growing population in Delaware.
15. Hispanic Heritage events were held for the past two years.

### **UPCOMING:**

- Second Annual Latino Summit is schedule for Oct. 22, 2015.Theme – Connecting through education for a Brighter Future.
- Implementation of the Driving Privilege Card will begin January 2016.
- Planning for 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month is on-going.